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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2704

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kazuyuki SATO)	Group Art Unit: 2116
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Application No.: 10/004,888)	Examiner: Abdelmoniem I. Elamin
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Filed: December 7, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 7604
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For: HARDWARE MANAGEMENT)	
APPARATUS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006, the period for response extending to May 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.